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Longitude 04° 14'W

The Port of Inverness is one of Scotland's most sheltered natural deep water harbours, lying seven miles south-west of Chanorny Point in the Inverness Firth. The port is operated as a Trust Port under the control of Inverness Harbour Trustees; it was established by an Act of Parliament in 1847, and has a recorded history dating back to 1249. As a result of its sheltered location, the port can offer companies almost guaranteed access irrespective of the weather.

The city of Inverness has an increasing population of about 65,000 and today, it maintains its position as one of the fastest growing, most dynamic cities in Europe, and the modern port is an important economic hub. The port has a wide range of facilities and services that make it attractive to greater numbers of large cargo ships every year.

Recent improvements to its infrastructure have further increased its attractions to cargo and cruise shipping. The City of Inverness, the Highland capital, continues to experience growth in industry, commerce and tourism and the port has expanded its facilities and services to capitalise on opportunities in the renewables industry and the small cruise ship market as well as continuing to grow its commercial activities.



M.V. Scot Explorer departing Inverness Harbour

The port of Inverness is connected to the west coast of Scotland by the adjacent Caledonian Canal, which can be used by vessels up to 45.72m (150 ft) in length, 10.67m (35 ft) beam and 4.11m (13 1/2 ft) draught. Although the Canal is 50 miles long, there is a saving of approximately 350 miles in the passage round the Pentland Firth.

The port has built its current portfolio on a number of long-standing national and international trading relationships. The port is the major distribution centre for the north of Scotland for imported fuel oils– derv, diesel, aviation fuel etc – with significant volumes arriving each year.

Other major cargoes imported through the port include packaged timber from Scandinavia and the Baltic's, which is in turn distributed throughout Scotland and the rest of the United Kingdom; road salt for both Highland Council and the Trunk Roads' Authority; coal from the continent and grain from several European Ports. Another significant cargo is round logs from the West Coast of Scotland for onward shipment to manufacturers. The port also handles animal feed and fish oil imports.

The port also handles a diverse range of exported goods. The principal export being Sterling Board manufactured locally by Norbord and shipped throughout the year, mostly to the Low Countries, along with a number of shipments to Turkey.

A wide range of agricultural and industrial products constitute the rest of the port's export activity, which includes potatoes, salmon smolts, machinery, barley, rapeseed, pulpwood, fish waste and woodchips.

Cargo discharging at Inverness Port





Cruise ship Hebridean Princess on a visit to Inverness.

As one of Scotland's most sheltered natural deep-water harbours, The Port of Inverness is a natural choice for the renewable energy industry. The port enjoys unrivalled accessibility and because of its sheltered location, it offers almost guaranteed access irrespective of the weather. The port offers renewables companies heavy load assembly and considerable storage areas immediately adjacent to the quayside, together with a dedicated heavy lift pad. The new main entrance has been completed and trials undertaken confirm that turbine blades of up to 50m in length can be accommodated.

Cruise vessels can be berthed alongside or alternatively tenders can also be accommodated in the marina ensuring passenger movements are easily managed. Coach parking is immediately adjacent to landing areas. Where better to begin a tour of the Highlands than in its capital. With Loch Ness right on the door step, there are no long coach journeys or traffic delays. The journey from the port to Loch Ness takes less than 15 minutes. Other attractions in close proximity include Cawdor Castle, Castle Stuart Golf Course, whisky distilleries and the Cairngorm National Park. A traditional warm Highland welcome awaits visitors to the port, ensuring an enjoyable and memorable visit.

Access from the port to the surrounding hinterland could not be easier – a direct link via Stadium Drive to the Longman Roundabout on the A9 gives both north and south access.

Port Expansion: The extension of the Longman Quay area at the harbour was completed in 2009. Ten hectares of land were reclaimed from the existing shoreline at the mouth of the River Ness. The initial £10 million

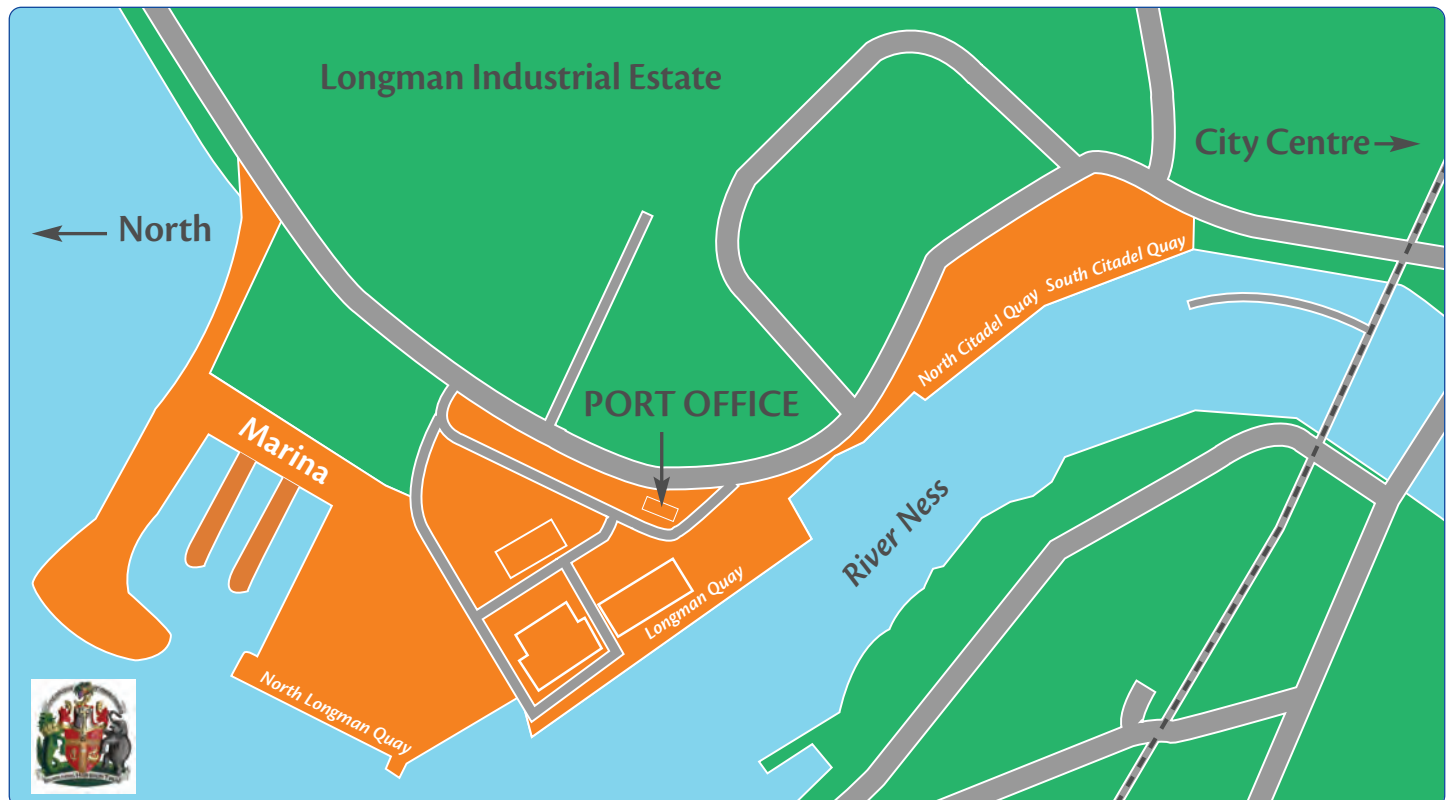
expansion project has regenerated the port area and is the catalyst for further major improvements that will help the continued growth of Inverness. These improvements follow a vision that encompasses the activities of port users and the requirements of an expanding city and its people. The development involved extensive dredging of the river with some of the material dredged being used to create new lay down areas for the enhancement of the port's freight handling abilities, and a new 150m quay was also constructed. This new quay incorporates a heavy lift pad to allow single lifts of up to 200 tonnes and with an immediate laydown area of 20,000 sq m and a new main entrance capable of accommodating the longest turbine trailers with ease.



Road salt import to Inverness Harbour

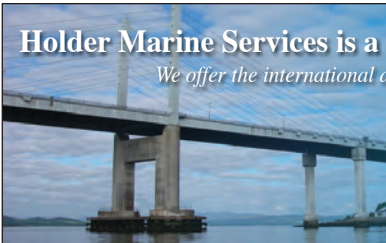
The port is ideally placed to accommodate turbines for the renewables industry. It is intended that this new quay will also enable small cruise ships carrying up to 300 passengers to visit the port. The port is also looking to start a new feeder container service, followed eventually by a roll-on roll-off service. Both will also help to tackle congestion by taking more freight off Scotland's roads. On the freight side there are many opportunities for future growth, including the continued development of the renewable energy industry in the area.

Chief Executive, Sinclair Browne comments, "The recent improvements provide first class facilities that will play a leading role in the continued economic expansion of Inverness and the Highlands. Our Strategic Plan for the next 10 years is being finalised which will underpin the ongoing expansion and development of the port. Despite tough economic conditions, the port continues to deliver sustained benefits for the stakeholders".



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Port Facilities:

ANCHORAGES

Commercial vessels for the port normally anchor 2.5 cables ENE of the Munloch Buoy (57° 33.0'N 004° 07.5'W) to await sufficient water to cross Middle Bank, in depths between 9m and 18.3m. Area is good holding ground, comprising of sand/mud.

Small vessels wishing to transit the Caledonian Canal may anchor, in good holding ground, two cables NNW of canal sealock entrance in 8m of water.

Restrictions on Approach

(i) Minimum depth over Middle Bank, on a line between Munloch Buoy and pilot station at Meikle Mee Buoy, is 2.1m below chart datum.

Minimum depth over Middle Bank, by dogleg course passing half a cable north of Petty Bank Buoy (57° 31.65'N 004° 08.9'W), is 2.4m below chart datum.

(ii) Kessock Bridge (one mile westwards of pilot boarding station) clearance beneath bridge is 29.0m at Mean High Water Spring Tides (MHWS). Vessels must confirm air draft is less than 29.0m, inclusive of any radio aerials prior to pilot boarding.

BERTHING

Commercial shipping to/from the port is normally carried out from two hours prior to High Water up to High Water. Vessels arriving prior to this must anchor and await tide.

Maximum Vessel Dimensions

Dry Bulk Cargo Vessels (Lower Harbour)

Length	100m (up to 125m may be possible)
Beam	17.2m
Draught	5.3m (up to 6.0m may be possible)



Packaged timber imported from Scandinavia arriving for distribution throughout Scotland

Fuel Oil Tankers (Upper Harbour)

Length	93m
Beam	17.2m
Draught	5.3m (up to 6.0m may be possible)

Maximum air draught at MHWS is 29.0 metres to clear Kessock Bridge. MHWS is a 4.8m tidal height.



First shipment of wind turbine blades to the Port of Inverness

BERTHS

The riverbed consists of soft mud and gravel, and there is no record of any vessel sustaining damage through taking the bottom. Vessels normally berth port side to and swing round on departure.

Citadel Quay South (Tanker Berth) Length 145m, depth alongside 5.5m below chart datum.

Citadel Quay North Length 100m, depth alongside 3.0m below chart datum.

Longman Quay Length 340m, depth alongside 5.5m below chart datum.

North Longman Quay Length 150m, depth alongside 5.0m below chart datum.

All port owned berths have horizontal and half height vertical timber fendering on quay faces.

Thornbush Quay (Privately Owned)
Length 156m.
Contact Gael Force Marine for information on depths alongside. Tel: 01463 229400

BUNKERING

Bunkers may be obtained by road tanker. Bunkering only carried out during daylight hours and with prior authorisation from Harbour Office.

CARGO HANDLING / CRANEAGE

All types of mobile cranes available up to 70 tonnes. Arrangements can easily be made for heavier lifts; 350t to 500t cranes available with adequate notice. Elevators - Grabbing cranes available for grain and other bulk material.



Inverness has extensive covered and open storage available
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COMMUNICATION

Inverness is well provided with good roads and frequent rail and air services to the rest of the UK for both passengers and freight. Inverness Airport lies four miles east of Inverness and handles more than 180 scheduled flights per week.

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Ships' gangway and safety net required. Ships' personnel provide own watchman.

GARBAGE DISPOSAL

Ships' garbage skips (painted blue) are located at Citadel Quay and the mid point of Longman Quay. No other skips within the port area to be used. All vessels must pre-notify the harbour of waste to be landed, as per current regulations.

GRAIN DISCHARGING

By grabs.

MINERALS HANDLING

Crane grab facilities.

NAVIGATION

River Ness channel entrance: Navigation width 45.5m dredged to a depth of 3.0m below chart datum.

PILOTAGE

There is a pilotage service which is compulsory for vessels over 50 metres from the Meikle Mee Buoy to the quayside. Pilotage is also available to the Caledonian Canal entrance on request. Pilotage from Meikle Mee Buoy to Chanonry Point (or vice versa) optional, subject to availability of pilots. Pilots board in the vicinity of the Meikle Mee Buoy. Vessels bound for Inverness or the Caledonian Canal should show the usual signal for a pilot, and contact the Harbour Office.

PORT CHARGES

Port charges for berthing dues, pilotage, harbour dues and stevedoring are competitive, and can be obtained from the Collector of Dues, Harbour Office, Inverness, from ships agent or can be downloaded from the port website.

SHIP REPAIRS

Marine and electrical repairs may be undertaken by local contractors. Contact agent for details and availability.

SHIPS STORES

Can be arranged.

STORAGE FACILITIES

Inverness has extensive covered and open storage available.

Covered Storage:

Longman Quay: Three modern transit sheds, Floor areas 1,730/1,238/1,638m² (total 4,606m²).

(Two canopies adjacent to No 3 Shed, of covered area 1,100m², and 820m²).

(Two canopies, partially walled, adjacent to No1 Shed of covered area 2050m²).

Open Storage (Paved):

Longman Quay: Amounting to 16,000m².

North Longman Quay: Amounting to 20,000m².

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